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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

The following comments are in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002. These comments are intended to advance the case to issue without delay.

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The Examiner's Office Action appears to be exactly identical to the earlier one mailed June 7, 2002. Applicants fully responded to that rejection in a paper mailed June 27, 2002 and entered July 2, 2002. Attached is a copy of that Response. Since the Examiner has not provided any new comments, applicants rest on their earlier submittal.

The Examiner is requested at his earliest convenience to issue an Advisory Action so that a Notice of Appeal can be filed. Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's proposal for allowance of claims 3, 15 and 21. However, the invention is much broader than the indicated allowable claims. Applicants wish to pursue the broader claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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